

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, WESTERN DIVISION**

Mediator Information Form for Web Site

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Firm: Richard A. Van Kalker, Arbitrator & Mediator

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Mediation Experience

Years of mediation experience: 4 Total number of mediations conducted: 22

Training:

Course	Course Provider	Date	No. of Hours
<u>Mediation Skills Training</u>	<u>Northwestern University SCS</u>	<u>May 14 - 19, 2004</u>	<u>40 hours</u>

<u>Training for Lawyers Participating in Mediation of Major Cases</u>	<u>Illinois State Bar Association</u>	<u>February 6, 2004</u>	<u>4 hours</u>
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<u>12th National Labor/ Management Conference</u>	<u>Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service</u>	<u>June 2 -4, 2004</u>	<u>12 hours</u>
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Legal Experience

Years of legal practice: 20 Percentage of practice in Federal Court in last 5 years: 0 %

Number of mediations participated in as a lawyer (not mediator): 25+

If former judge: Number of years on the bench: n/a Year retired: n/a

Arbitrator for Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service since 2003

Former Adjunct Professor for Governors State University (2003-2006)

Former General Counsel for a Midwest Construction Material Supplier (1991-2001)

Expertise

Please list the areas of expertise you are most comfortable conducting mediation in:

Commercial/Business Disputes; Construction Claims; Employment Discrimination/Wrongful
Termination; ERISA/HIPPA; Labor/Wage and Hour Disputes; Real Property Disputes;
Tort/Personal Injury

Professional Affiliations

Legal: Chicago Bar Assoc. ('87 to date); Illinois State Bar Assoc. ('87 to '01) ABA ('87 to '01)

ADR: Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service; American Arbitration Association; New York Stock Exchange; NASD Dispute Resolution; National Futures Association, Circuit Courts of Cook and Will Counties

Other: _____

Fees

Hourly rate: \$150.00

Minimum Charge per mediation: 2 hours

Other fees: For US District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Western Division cases, I do **not** charge any travel time, only mileage at the prevailing IRS business rate.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF MEDIATION STYLE (no more than 100 words):

My mediation style is somewhat "active," as opposed to a passive style, in that I will often
provide my thoughts as to the merits of the case and suggest a value for the case. Sometimes, a
novel settlement concept can be presented to the parties; sometimes, settlements can be
presented as to minimize cash flow consequences for the Defendant and tax implications for the
Plaintiff. Sometimes, I can simply present an objective evaluation of the facts and a value of
the case.
